

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY
PLEASE CONSULT TOWN AND STATE ELECTIONS WEBSITES FOR
UP TO DATE ELECTION INFORMATION

To: Town Manager & Select Board
From: Katherine B. Miller, Town Moderator
Re: Pre-Game Huddle for State Primary Election 9/8/26 and General Election 11/3/26
Date: June 1, 2026

Reminders to Voters re: Upcoming Elections:

- State Primary September 8th is the **day after Labor Day**.
- General Election November 3rd
- **Eligible to Vote if:**
 - A United States citizen;
 - At least 18 years old **on election day**;
 - A resident in the Town. There is no minimum period you are required to have lived in your community before registering.

Must provide proof of all those factors when registering (see Town Elections and Secretary of State Elections websites for more information).

Important Dates:

- **Tomorrow, June 2, Last Day to Change Party Affiliation before State Primary Election.**
Exeter Town Clerk's Office Hours:
 - Monday: 8:00 - 4:00
 - **Tuesday: 8:00 - 7:00**
 - Wednesday: 8:00 - 4:00
 - Thursday: 8:00 - 4:00
 - **Friday: 8:00 - 12:30**
 - PLEASE TAKE NOTE THE CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSSES EARLY ON FRIDAYS.
- **Deadline for Registering to Vote in Person**
 - **Up To 6-13 days before the election**, depending on when Supervisors of the Voter Checklist schedule their meeting to update the Checklist of Registered Voters prior to the Election.
 - For State Primary Sept. 8th, last day is between **August 26 and September 2**.
 - For General Election Nov. 3rd, last day between **Oct. 21 and Oct. 28**.
 - **Can also register at the Polling Place on Election Day, but it can take longer that day.**
- **May Register in person at Clerk's Office or when Supervisors of the Checklist are holding a session. (See Clerk's Office hours above and posted Sessions of Supervisors of Checklist).**
- **Eligible to Register by Mail if:**
 - You will be absent from the town on the dates/times when the Supervisors of the Checklist meet to receive voter registration applications;

- Absence includes an employment obligation that prevents you from attending a session of the supervisors. The term “employment” includes the care of children and infirm adults, with or without compensation.
- You are unable to register in person due to a physical disability; or
- You are confined to a penal institution for a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial but otherwise qualified.
- **Reasons for Absentee Voting**
 - Eligible to vote by absentee ballot rather than at the polling place if:
 - You will be out of town on election day; or
 - You have a religious observance that prevents you from voting in person; or
 - You have a physical disability or illness that prevents you from voting in person; or
 - You have an employment commitment or must care for an adult or child during the entire time polls are open; or
 - You are confined in a penal institution for a conviction of a misdemeanor or while awaiting trial; or
 - You are a member of the Attorney General’s Address Confidentiality Program or are protected by a Domestic Violence Protective Order; or
 - The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm, blizzard, or ice storm warning for your town/ ward for election day, and you have concerns about safely traveling in the storm.
- **May Request NOW: Identify Reason *and* Provide Acceptable Photo ID* *or* Have Application Notarized. *Effective 6/2/26, must show valid photo ID not a student ID card, even from a public school or university.**
- **Deadline for Absentee Ballots**
 - Clerk must mail out absentee ballots to any voter who requests one by Noon the day before voting day.
 - Completed absentee ballots must be returned no later than **5 pm on Election Day** to the Clerk’s Office or the Polling Place (certain persons authorized to deliver absentee ballots on behalf of absentee voters)
 - **Although USPS is great, an absentee ballot mailed out the day before an election is unlikely to reach the voter and be returned before 5 pm the next day.**
 - **Please submit applications early!**
- **Voting is our most important right as citizens, but it takes a little planning! Start planning early, reach out to the Clerk’s Office or Supervisors of the Checklist or the Secretary of State with questions.**
- **There may still be changes to voting laws, since the Legislature just finished up and Governor will be signing new laws and perhaps vetoing some. Information will be updated as available, on Town and State Elections websites.**
- **We have heard a lot of buzz in the news and social media about the elections. We are planning now to make the elections as safe, pleasant and efficient as possible. Please come out and see your neighbors this fall when you come to vote!**